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Great Basin National Park Strawberry Campground Construction Almost Finished

Great Basin National Park Superintendent Andy Ferguson announced that the park has finished this season's improvements to the Strawberry Campground and Blue Canyon Trailhead.

The park improved the access road surface for 2-wheel drive vehicles, installed two bridges, eleven new campsites including two group sites, parking, bathrooms, retaining walls, a horse corral, and loop trail.

Great Basin has tried to keep the area open on weekends for campers and visitors, while construction progressed. "I hope that the public will appreciate the redevelopment of this area because we did it with the idea of better protection of Park resources and user enjoyment," said Superintendent Ferguson.

Much of the construction materials and labor came from the local community, and some additional work to the Blue Canyon Trailhead will be done next spring. Blue Canyon is prime elk breeding habitat, and an excellent spot for wildlife viewing in the fall.

The project was funded through the **Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act** (SNPLMA), which allows the Bureau of Land Management to sell public land around Las Vegas, Nevada. The revenue derived from land sales is split between the State of Nevada General Education Fund (5%), and a special account available for development of parks, trails, and natural areas, habitat conservation, environmentally sensitive land acquisitions, hazardous fuels reduction and wildfire prevention, Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Act, and Lake Tahoe Restoration Act projects.

For more information and the park's fall visitor center hours, go to the Great Basin National Park website at <http://www.nps.gov/grba>.

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Bridge install.jpg – Contractor installs prefabricated bridge panels with the help of local laborers, welder, and crane service. National Park Service Photo

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All Finished.jpg – Bridge over Strawberry Creek, installed September, 2011. National Park Service
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